

## INFORMATION REPORT INFORMATION

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1. The "Isvor" Coal Mine is located in Trevna Mountain, 25 kilometers southeast of Gabrovo. It is five or six kilometers southwest of the Krastets railroad station (W4247, E2532) and approximately 10 kilometers south of Plachkovtsi (W4249, E2529). Entry into the mine area is not restricted; there are no mine guards, and only one Militia member is stationed here. 25X1
2. The "Isvor" Mine, as well as the "Lev" Coal Mine, located 700 meters southwest of the Krastets station, is subordinate to the Coke Operation, which has its headquarters in Plachkovtsi. The mine is completely under the control of Bulgarians; all directing personnel (except for the mine superintendent) reside and work at Plachkovtsi. Three accountants at the mine record the daily wages of the workers and give their reports to the superintendent, who sends a daily report to the mine administration at Plachkovtsi.
3. Coal obtained at the "Isvor" Mine is lignite, used in the production of coke. It is dug manually and brought to the surface in small carts. It is stored in the open at the mine, prior to being loaded on five or six trucks and transported to the Krastets station for shipment elsewhere. The daily production of the mine is approximately 20 tons.
4. The mine is connected with the Krastets railroad station by a special, second-class road. All transport to and from the mine is effected by means of this road.
5. At present, coal is being extracted from three pits at the "Isvor" Mine. In addition, a geological survey unit stationed in the area, is digging an additional four pits and has allegedly discovered coal in one of them. 25X1  
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the geologists were also exploring the "Lev" Coal Mine and had found petroleum there, but could supply no details. The survey unit is quartered in some wooden sheds and small 1-story stone buildings located at the "Isvor" Mine.

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6. The labor force at the mine fluctuates constantly, and new workers are always needed. At times, men come and work for a week or two and then return to their villages. [redacted] 45 persons were employed at the three old pits and additional 60 workers were opening new areas for the geological survey unit. Work is done in three groups (presumably one group for each pit).

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7. The mine superintendent is Khristo Dimov, [redacted]

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8. The following personalities were known to be mine accountants:

a. Danvan Kolev, [redacted]

b. Zhura Todorov, [redacted]

c. Yordan Chernev, [redacted]

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9. The following personalities were identified as "experts" at the mine:

a. Filyu Marinov, [redacted]

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b. Dimităr Simeonov, [redacted]

c. Khristo Atanasov, [redacted]

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10. "Dafinkata" (nickname) [redacted]

11. Manev (fnu), [redacted]

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